THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No report has so far been received from the Government of Karnataka regarding drought situation during 2002-03. The State Government is, however, making provision for Drinking Water Supply from its Calamity Relief Fund.

MSP of Agricultural Products

4688. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MSP for all agricultural products and foodgrains, fixed during the last year and the current year; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to protect the interests of farmers when the prices fall below the Minimum Support Price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A statement showing the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of major agricultural commodities for the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 crops is enclosed. *(See* below)

(b) In case of fall in market prices below the MSPs, the Government takes several measures to protect the interest of farmers which include undertaking price support operations of major agricultural commodities under the MSP scheme and using instruments of trade to encourage exports and discourage imports of agricultural commodities, etc. Accordingly, record quantities of certain agricultural commodities, whose prices fell below their MSP level, were procured during last two years and import duties were revised upwards to discourage imports. Likewise, policy measures were also taken to encourage exports.

Statement

Minimum Support Prices
(According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

S.No	Commodity	Variety	2000-01	2001-02
1.	Paddy	Common	510	530
		Grade 'A'	540	560
2	Coarse Cereals (Jowar, Maize) Bajra, Ragi &		445	485
3.	Wheat.		610	620
4.	Barley		500	500
5.	Gram		1100	1200
6.	Arhar		1200	1320
7.	Moong		1200	1320
8.	Urad		1200	1320
9.	Masur (lentil)		1200	1300
10.	Sugarcane @		59.50	62.05
11.	Cotton	F-414/H-777/J34	1625	1675
		H-4	1825	1875
12.	Groundnut-in-shell		1220	1340
13.	Jute		785	810
14.	Rapeseed/mustard		1200	1300
15.	Sunflower Seed		1170	1185
16.	Soybean	Black	775	795
		Yellow	865	885
17.	Sunflower		1200	1300
18.	Toria		1165	1265
19.	Tobacco (VFC)	Black Soil (F2 Gr)	26.00	27.00
	(Rs. per kg.)	Light Soil (L2 Gr)	28.00	29.00
20.	Copra	Milling	3*250	3300
		Ball	3500	3550
21.	Sesamum		1300	1400
22.	Nigerseed		1025	1100

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